

REMARKS

Interview Summary

In response to the Interview Summary received August 29, 2006, Applicant agrees that the interview discussed the claims with regard to the election of Species B and withdrawal of the non-elected claims and further states that the interview did not address the substantive office action sent June 23, 2006.

Specification

The amendments filed herewith cure the office action's objections to the specification.

35 USC § 112

Claim 8 is rejected for insufficient antecedent basis of the term "said frame". The amendment filed herewith overcomes the rejection. Applicant notes that Examiner's comment is correct, the word was a typographical error, and the word "bed" was intended. This amendment does not narrow.

35 USC § 102

The amended claims overcome the § 102 and § 103 rejections over the cited prior art. The amendment that a first end of a support arm being direct pivotal engagement with the bed overcomes the '700 reference because that reference shows an intermediate piece 70 between its support arm and its bed. The amendment adding a connecting link connecting a support arm to at least one other support arm, on the same side of the trailer, and that said connecting link be away from the axle of at least one wheel recites structure that is not anticipated, disclosed, taught, suggested or motivated by any of the prior art references. In particular, in

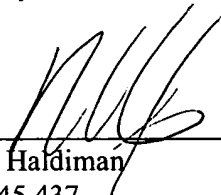
the '682 patent, the connecting link there, 26, goes axle to axle, between two wheels on the same side. The amendments to the independent claims are supported at page 8, line 21 of the original application and at reference no. 250 in Figures 2, reciting a "connecting link".

Conclusion

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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